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1. TURKEY: THE TWO-THREE-OLD POLITICAL CRISIS CONTINUES. SINCE THE JUSTICE PARTY (JP) ADMITTED LAST WEEK THAT IT COULD NOT FORM A GOVERNMENT, PRIME MINISTER INONU HAS ACCEPTED A MANDATE TO DO SO. INONU IS STILL EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY IN DRAWING TOGETHER A NEW COALITION. HOWEVER, HIS CHANCES HAVE BEEN IMPROVED BY THE JP'S OPEN FAILURE, THE POLITICIANS' HEAR THAT THE MILITARY MAY INTERVENE IF THE CRISIS IS PROLONGED MUCH FURTHER, AND THE SCARCITY OF OTHER CANDIDATES. (CONF)

2. AFGHANISTAN; //CONSERVATIVE FORMER PRIME MINISTER PRINCE DAUD SEEMS TO BE REASSERTING HIS INFLUENCE. A POLITICAL CONFRONTATION BETWEEN DAUD AND KING ZAHIR SHAH MAY BE DEVELOPING OVER THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS FOR A MORE LIBERAL CONSTITUTION. SHOULD THE KING YIELD TO DAUD'S PRESSURES AND GIVE HIM AN IMPORTANT VOICE IN REVISING THE NEW

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DRAFT CONSTITUTION, TEMPORETY OF PRIME MINISTER TIFUP AND OTHER
REFORM-MINDED, PRO-WESTERN GOVERNMENT MEMBERS WOULD PROBABLY BECOME
UNTEHABLE.//

3. SAUDI ARABIA: THE LONG-SUSPENDING DISPUTE BETWEEN KING SAUD
AND CROWN PRINCE FAYEAL MAY BE HEATING A CLEVER. ROYAL GUARD ELEMENTS
ON 16 DECEMBER WERE REPORTEDLY KINGING SAUD'S SUGGEST IN RIYADH AND THERE
WAS EVIDENCE THAT AN IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE SAUDI ROYAL FAMILY WAS
IN PROGRESS AT THE PALACE OF THE CROWN PRINCE. MOST IMPORTANT MEMBERS
OF THE ROYAL FAMILY ARE BELIEVED LOYAL TO FAYEAL; HOWEVER, IT IS NOT
CLEAR HOW THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE SAUDI ARMY WOULD REACT IN THE
EVENT OF AN OPEN SAUDI-FAYEAL SPLIT. (CONF)

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